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SUBJECT: ROUND-UP ON COMMITTEE IV

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1. ALL DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE IV, ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS, WERE APPROVED BY THE NINTH PLENARY SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29. THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE WAS PRESENTED TO THE PLENARY IN A LENGTHY REPORT BY DAVID E. ALTER, JR., U.S. DELEGATION, THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE IV. FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED:

A. ANNUAL REPORT OF PREPCOM AND ACTIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS.

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CONTAINS A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SYG AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO OTHER ORGANS FAVORING AUSTERCTY N EXECUTION OF BUDGET; IMPROVEMENT AND BETTER UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM EVALUATIONS; PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION; SOLUTION OF SECRETARIAT'S SPACE PROBLEM IN WASHINGTON THROUGH LEASE-PURCHASE OF SUITABLE BUILDINGS; ACCOUNTING FOR TOTAL A SETS AND LIABILITIES (U.S. PROPOSAL), AND REQUEST TO PERMANENT COUNCIL TO STUDY OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN THE LEO S. ROWE FUND UND THE INTER-AMERICAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (FONDEM). ANGLO-CARIBBEAN NEW MEMBERS COMPLAINED AT LOW EMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGE.

B. RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM BUDGET AND QUOTAS.

TOTAL TWO-YEAR BUDGET 1975-76 APPROVED WAS \$116,204,200, OF WHICH \$67,327.5 THOUSUND IS REGULAR FUND FINANCED BY ASSESSED QUOTAS AND REMAINDER IS SPECIAL FUNDS SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. OBJECTIONS TO HIGHER PERCENTAGES FOR QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS WERE EXPRESSED FOR THE RECORD BY MEXICO, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA, AND URUGUYA, AND THE FIRST FOUR VOTED AGAINST RPT AGAINST THE ASSESSMENTS. (OAS PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVE FROM ALTERATIONS IN 1974 UN SCALE.) ARGENTINA EXPRESSED HOPE THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE "MAR DEL PLATA" FUND FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION PROJECTS IN THE REGULAR (66/34) PROPORTIONS.

C. CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (CAMAP, SPANISH INITIALS).

THIS U.S. PROPOSAL, CO-SPONSORED BY CHILE AND THE TARGET OF DOUBTS AND OBJECTIONS FROM SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS, WAS REFERRED TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR ACTION. COUNCIL IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH CAMAP IF DEEMED USEFUL IN PROVIDING OAS LEGISLATIVE BODIES WITH INDEPENDENT EXPERT ADVICE. STRONG SUPPORT GIVEN BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, JND BERBADOS. OBJECTIONS, WHICH LED TO REFERRAL ACTION, CENTERED AROUND ALLEGED INCOMPATIBILITY OF PROPOSAL WITH OUS CHARTER AND CONCERN AS TO EXACTLY HOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD FUNCTION.

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D. DESIGNATPON OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS:

ON A PANAMANIAN PROPOSAL, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WAS ASKED TO ADOPT MEASURES NECESSARY TO REESTABLISH EXTERNAL AUDITING SYSTEM AND TAKE STEPS FOR IT TO GO INTO EFFECT SOONEST. PREAMBLE MAKES CLEAR THAT A UN TYPE OF GOVERNMENT AUDIT BOARD IS CONTEMPLATED. PRICE WATERHOUSE WAS DESIGNATED UNTIL NEW SYSTEM COMES INTO EFFECT.

2. THESE ACTIONS, COUPLED WITH PASSAGE OF US PROPOSAL ON
FUNCTIONS OF PERMANENT COUNCIL, GIVE THAT BODY CONSIDERABLE
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